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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 STEVEN ANDREW
14 HERNANDEZ,

15 Defendant.

Case No. 17-CR-0456-RHW

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR
APPOINTMENT OF NEW
COUNSEL**

16 Before the Court is a request from Defendant Steven Andrew Hernandez for
17 appointment of new counsel. ECF No. 39. A hearing was held before the Court on
18 December 1, 2017. This Order memorializes the Court's oral ruling. The Court
19 listened to request from Mr. Hernandez and responses from counsel. The Court has
20 given full consideration to the request and **DENIES** Mr. Hernandez's request for
21 appointment of new counsel. The Court additionally urges counsel to speak with
22 Mr. Hernandez.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is directed to enter this
24 Order and forward copies to counsel.

25 **DATED** this 7th day of December, 2017.

26 s/Robert H. Whaley
27 ROBERT H. WHALEY
28 Senior United States District Judge

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